Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 18 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 17 Mar 2023 at 15:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of low cloud on Saturday otherwise high for unsettled weather. High for a brief change to colder and drier weather on Sunday. High for unsettled weather with rain early next week.

Headline for Saturday 18 Mar 2023: Cloudy with rain at times

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	40%	50%	70%	80%	50%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of rain. Rain will become more persistent and occasionally heavy along the Argyll coast by the end of the morning. Then the afternoon will more see more in the way of widespread and persistent rain slowly moving east before drier weather spreads from the east by evening. The evening will be mainly dry but a few light showers developing, these turning to snow above 900 metres or so.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance across southern Lochaber and western Argyll in the morning.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 400 to 700 metres, this likely to be more broken in the north of the area in the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/16 SE	16/19 SE	18/22 SE	20/25 SE	23/29 SE	20/26 S	18/24 SW	18/25 W	23/30 NW
900	12/16 SE	14/18 SE	14/18 SE	15/21 SE	16/22 SE	15/20 SW	14/20 SW	16/22 W	17/24 W
600	8/11 NE	9/12 E	10/13 SE	10/14 SE	15/20 S	16/21 SW	14/19 SW	14/20 SW	14/20 W
300	6/9 NE	7/10 NE	5/9 NE	5/10 E	9/15 SE	8/13 SW	8/13 SW	8/15 W	9/15 W
Glen	6/15 E	6/15 NE	4/12 E	4/10 E	4/11 S	9/18 SW	7/15 W	8/17 W	9/19 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	1/-5	2/-5	1/-5	-0/-6	-2/-8	-3/-10
900	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2	3/-2	4/-1	4/-1	2/-3	1/-5	-0/-6
600	6/3	6/3	6/3	6/3	7/3	6/2	4/0	3/-2	2/-3
300	6/4	6/4	6/5	7/6	8/6	8/5	6/4	5/2	4/1
Glen	7/6	7/6	7/6	8/7	10/9	9/7	8/6	7/4	6/3
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1300m	1000m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Sunday 19 Mar 2023
Weather: Low cloud with some light and patchy rain or snow at first. Then cloud breaking up through the morning to leave most of the day dry, high cloud spilling across from the west in the afternoon. Patchy light snow will develop in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 800 metres at first across southern Lochaber and northern Argyll, this breaking and lifting to leave only patchy cloud around 900 metres by afternoon. Cloud will lower and become more widespread down to 700 metres after dark.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres

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